

**UNABRIDGED JANUARY 12, 2009 REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to Order/Roll Call: Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Eddy Wuorenma, Deb Ganske, Julie Arndtson, Rob Daugherty, Clair Eaton, and John MacLennan. City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also in attendance was Carl Scharfe representing MSA and David Schofield, City Engineer representing Cedar Corporation.

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to move item G. Parks & Public Property to follow Public Works passed without a negative voice vote.

Daugherty/Arndtson motion to approve the consent agenda and the recommendations of the committees contained in the consent agenda which included the approval of December 8, 2008 regular city council meeting minutes, approval of the December 22, 2008 city council meeting minutes, acceptance of December 4, 2008 PIE Committee meeting minutes, acceptance of December 10, 2008 personnel committee meeting minutes, acceptance of January 6, 2009 parks and public property committee meeting minutes, approval of payables and review of receivables passed without a negative voice vote.

Carl Scharfe of MSA reviewed the wastewater facility plan – summary of current conditions and design conditions. The question that the council needs to be concerned with is the population forecasting. City staff along with MSA has looked at the historical U.S. census data, projections developed by DOA for 2005 to 2025 and the 20-year comprehensive plan that was completed by the city in 2003. After reviewing this information the staff recommendation is to estimate the growth at 15% greater than the historical trend which would be an increase of 65 people per year or 25 new houses per year. **Arndtson/Daugherty motion to use the staff recommendation of estimated growth at 15% greater than the historical trend which would be an increase of 65 people per year or 25 new houses per year passed without a negative voice vote.**

Aldersperson Arndtson explained to the council that there a group of people who are in the horticulture field and have approached her with help in mapping the trees for parks and public property and also in putting together some guidelines for plantings in parks and public places. Arndtson stated that she would like to see a minimum of 3 or 4 members in the committee. Arndtson would also like the city work toward being a Tree City. Arndtson was asked to touch base with the people would want to be part of the committee and get the names to city hall for submission to council.

David Schofield reviewed the plan for the beach house. The project is to be advertised for bid on January 22nd & 29th. The bids are to be opened on February 5th and presented at council on February 9th. **Wuorenma/Ganske motion to advertise the bid for the beach house passed without a negative voice vote.**

The council reviewed statistics for 2008 for the Great River Road Learning Center.

Daugherty/Ganske motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 11-08 “Separate accounts for Municipal Fire Volunteer Funds” passed without a negative voice vote.

**Ganske/Wuorenma motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 12-08
“Adoption of NFPA1- 2006 Revision” passed without a negative voice vote.**

Mayor Hunter reviewed a written report for the Chief of Police with the council.

Discussion was held on the possible implementation of a municipal vehicle registration fee (wheel tax). The proposed amount of the wheel tax would be \$10 per vehicle of which \$9.90 would come to the city. The council was informed that there may be a reduction in state shared revenue and this wheel tax could be an extra revenue source for the city. Alderperson MacLennan stated that he would like to get more input from the residents for additional discussion on the wheel tax. This issue will be addressed at the first council meeting in March.

Wuorenma/Arndtson to accept the bid from Cernohous Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2009 pickup truck for public works in the amount of \$18,074.50 passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Wuorenma/Arndtson motion to approve operator licenses as presented passed without a negative voice vote.

The council reviewed the December building report.

Under personnel the education benefits policy was not addressed at this meeting.

Other Business:

The council reviewed the Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance information, accepted a thank you from the Prescott Sportsman’s club, discussed the open house at the Library from January 19th to January 24th and was informed of the Prescott Fire Department pancake breakfast starting Feb. 8th and going through March 29th.

Wuorenma/Arndtson motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand